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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: WT Docket No. 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I write to endorse the proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile. I am a Virginia State Senator representing part of Richmond and the surrounding area, including Petersburg. My district is anxious to reap the benefits of the faster deployment of advanced broadband technology that the merger will bring.

Most important, with the merger, the new company will deploy fourth-generation LTE technology not just in wealthier areas but widely across my city and Virginia, in both urban and rural areas. As such, it will help accelerate economic recovery and help fulfill President Obama's pledge to bring every part of America into the digital age.

In the Senate, I serve on the Local Government committee and the Transportation committee. Virginia has been a national leader in e-government, and with the power of fourth-generation wireless technology, many more citizens will be able to use wireless devices for easy access to e-government and government services. Greater access to fast wireless broadband will make telecommuting routine, relieving pressure on the very crowded roads all over Virginia.

AT&T also has a strong and deep commitment to the African-American community and an enviable record of including diversity in its supply chain and among its management. The merger will bring these benefits to the former T-Mobile and serve as an example to American business as a whole of the benefits of diversity.

I encourage you to approve this merger.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry L. Marsh, III".

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